

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2008  
7:30 PM**

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**Present:** John Meader, Chairman  
David Pepe  
Bryant Firmin

**Also**

**Present:** Kara Buzanoski, Asst. DPW Director  
Alex Lotoski, 328 Davis Street

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of minutes from the July 2, 2008 meeting.

Postponed to the next meeting.

2. Review request for developer's rate for betterment on Davis Street.

Alex Lotoski, 328 Davis Street was present for this request. He had submitted a letter to the Commission requesting a reduction of the sewer betterment for Davis Street residents. Based on the fact that the developer is paying for the construction of the sewer extension, Mr. Lotoski believes the residents should not be charged the full amount of the betterment. The Commission reviewed the definition of sewer apportionment and stated that the assessment is not a construction cost, but a fee for the Town of Northborough per the enabling legislation having a sewer system to connect into. They also discussed a previous vote that was taken for the residents of Brigham Street in a similar situation. Based on the Sewer Privilege Fee legislation, the Commission is authorized to reduce these fees to the developer's rate (a 50% reduction of the sewer betterment). The Commission discussed the request, but will take a formal vote at their next meeting after looking at the legislation again.

3. Review Marlborough Draft Intermunicipal Agreement.

The Commission discussed the draft document. Mrs. Buzanoski reviewed changes to be made to the document. When the updated document is received, Mrs. Buzanoski will email to the Commissioners for their further review.

4. Review institution of I & I program.

Mrs. Buzanoski stated that letters regarding sump pumps were mailed to all sewer users. Appointments are being set up with Fay, Spofford & Thorndike for an engineer to do inspections to see if there are any sump pumps connected to the sewer.

5. Review Drainlayers License Requests

Drainlayers license requests will be held until next meeting.

6. Review Correspondence.

Correspondence was reviewed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Review of Assabet River Consortium Study.

2. Review Lyman Street well project.

- Work is continuing on the Lyman St. well project.

3. Supervisor's Report.

- Commissioner Meader inquired about quarterly bills. Mrs. Buzanoski stated that the meter reader is reading currently reading meters and we should have the first group of bills out within two weeks after they are downloaded.
- Mrs. Buzanoski wanted to update the Commission on some issues regarding Kevin Giblin. He purchased the property adjacent to him on Southwest Cutoff (Ohara property). He has submitted a site plan, showing 60,000 square feet. The problem is that we do not have any sewer to allocate to the proposal. The only way he can do this project is if he were to take that amount out of the 9 @ 20/Avalon project (Loop).
- Tata & Howard has developed a bid package for Collins Road water extension under the railroad tracks. However, the permit was submitted to the railroad company, but has not yet been received. This will require an amendment to the contract.

- The Planning Board is planning wholesale changes to the zoning bylaw including the Groundwater Overlay District. Mrs. Buzanoski asked for the Commission's thoughts. Commissioner Meader said he thought the Commission discussed this at a previous meeting and agreed on using the one from Earthtech. Commissioner Firmin thought we were waiting on the latest pumping rates from Lyman Street well. Commissioner Meader stated that the Commission would like to be more conservative than the current bylaw.

**Next Meeting:**

The next regular meeting will be October 1, 2008 at 7:30 pm in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

**Adjourn:**

At 8:55 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda LePoer  
DPW Coordinator